

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 11th April 2010**

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## **Silent Key EI6CP**

It is with regret that we inform you of the death of Paddy Daly EI6CP. Paddy died in the Mater Hospital in Dublin on Thursday last where he had been ill for the past few months. Paddy was in his early nineties and has been a long standing supporter and member of the Society. Those who have been licensed for some time will remember the sterling service that Paddy gave to the Society both as a Committee member and for many many years he carried out the onerous task of both the incoming and outgoing QSL Manager.

Paddy was a founder member of the Fingal Radio Club and was instrumental in obtaining their first premises in the scout hall on Ballygall Road Paddy was technically very competent and was a keen home constructor and adapter of equipment. He restored many old communications receivers to full working order one of which he donated to the RAF Museum.

In his working life Paddy was a member of An garda Siochána and on his retirement held the rank of Inspector in the Garda Motor Workshops. Paddy was predeceased by his wife Evelyn a few years ago At the time of writing we do not have the funeral arrangements.

To Paddys sons Michael, Martin and Patrick and to their families we extend our sincerest sympathy.

May he rest in peace.

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## **Information Request Relating to the 2300-2400 MHz Band**

We have been asked by ComReg to notify you that a letter in the following terms will be issuing to all radio amateurs shortly. This is simply a survey in the context of the release of spectrum in this band to assist in a spectrum monitoring exercise as a preparation for licensing following the recent consultation on this matter.

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) is preparing to open the 2300 – 2400 MHz Band for the provision of additional licensed services on a nationwide basis. Radio Amateur users have designated use of the 2300 – 2400 MHz band on a secondary basis and there is currently no plan to alter this allocation. Further information on ComReg's plans is available on our website<sup>1</sup>.

As part of the preparation for the licensing of the 2300 – 2400 MHz band, ComReg is conducting a spectrum monitoring campaign. In order not to inadvertently affect the legitimate operations of Radio Amateurs, ComReg is seeking a once-off notification of the use of transmitter equipment in this band.

Equipment operating in any part of the band may be notified by filling in the enclosed form and sending it back to ComReg at Patrick Mulvey, ComReg, Abbey Court, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1, or, alternatively the form can be downloaded from the 2.3GHz Website<sup>1</sup>

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to email me at [2.3ghzinfo /at/ comreg.ie](mailto:2.3ghzinfo@comreg.ie)

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### **IRTS Annual Dinner AV Presentations**

One of the audio visual presentations being prepared for the Annual Dinner in Dundalk will feature the Islands on the Air Contest.

Individuals or Groups who have still photos or video of last year's contest, or indeed any amateur radio related activity, and who would like them to be considered for inclusion should forward them to Seamus EI8BP. In particular, Seamus is anxious to feature all the Island expeditions.

Seamus may be contacted on 087 259 0691 or at [smccague /at/ eircom.net](mailto:smccague@eircom.net)

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### **IRTS 78th AGM**

The 78th AGM of Irish Radio Transmitters Society will be hosted by the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, over the weekend of the 24 /25th April 2010. The venue will be Fairways Hotel Dundalk Co Louth.

Tickets for the Dinner on Saturday night at 8.30PM are selling well at 35 Euro each and are available from Peter Grant EI4HX Peter's email address is [secretary /at/ ei7dar.com](mailto:secretary@ei7dar.com) or by Telephone 087 7944779..

The Rally will be held on Sunday 25th of April in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk Co Louth. Doors opening at 11.00 AM, all the usual traders will be represented plus some new ones. Tables will also be available for sole traders without charge.

For more info on the AGM weekend, Dinner & Rally please check [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie) or [www.ei7dar.com](http://www.ei7dar.com)

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## **Theory Examination**

The next theory examination for the Amateur Station Licence will be held on Wednesday, 7th July at 2pm in the ComReg Offices in Dublin and at other centre's if warranted by the numbers.

Information on examination fees and other details please see 'Theory Examination' in the 'Information' section of the IRTS website at [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie)

Intending candidates are also referred to 'Studying for the Amateur Radio Examination' in the 'Downloads' section of the website.

The latest date for receipt of applications to sit the examination is Wednesday, 23 June next but it is important to note that places at the exam are allocated on a first come first served basis.

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## **Lough Erne Rally and QRP talk to be streamed live**

Today's Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club Rally will be webcast from about 11.30.am. A talk entitled QRP - Why and How by George Dobbs, G3RJV will be webcast about 14.00 for about an hour including discussion.

To watch these webcasts go to [www.batc.org.uk](http://www.batc.org.uk)

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## **Limerick Radio Club**

Members of Limerick Radio Club, took part in last weekend's 2M Spring Counties Contest and while the WX was far from ideal, a good day out was had by all and we would like to thank all stations that contacted us on the day.

The next club meeting will take place next Thursday evening April 15th at 19.30 at the Limerick Institute of Technology and members are reminded that club subscriptions are now due for renewal and can be paid on the night .

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## **North Dublin Radio Club**

The North Dublin Radio Club held its AGM on 27th March. Chairman Tony (EI6BQB) and Secretary Tony (EI5EM) were re-elected and Nick (EI7GOB) was

elected as treasurer. Liam (EI8HY) the outgoing treasurer, indicated that he did not want to go forward again for election.

In recognition of Liam's many years of loyal service in that post, the club presented him with the Willie Barron (EI6BUB) Memorial Trophy. This trophy was designed and presented to the club in 1998 by Ray (EI7AHB) to be awarded annually in recognition of service to the club or to amateur radio in general. Willie Barron, now a silent key, had served in the past as chairman of NDR and also as President of the IRTS.

On Easter Monday, members of NDR had the pleasure of attending Liam's (EI8HY) wedding in Balally Church and celebrating afterwards at the reception in the Summerhill House Hotel, Enniskerry. We wish Liam and his new wife Grace many years of happiness together

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### **International Marconi Day**

On Saturday 24 April, the Howth Martello Radio Group and the North Dublin Radio Club will be celebrating International Marconi Day by operating an IMD award station from the Martello Tower in Howth using the call-sign EI0MAR.

The Martello tower houses the vintage radio museum. The museum web site is [www.ei0mar.org](http://www.ei0mar.org) It is hoped to be active from 9am until 11pm on phone and CW. Visitors are very welcome.

The Cornish Radio Amateur Club organises this annual event and details of the awards and a list of award stations is available on [www.gb4imd.org.uk](http://www.gb4imd.org.uk)

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### **West Tyrone Amateur Radio Club**

West Tyrone Amateur Radio Club AGM, will take place at 8pm on Tuesday 13th April in the Technology Education Centre, 2 Spillers Place, Omagh, BT78 1FA New members welcome.

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### **Wicklow Radio Club**

The Next meeting of the Club is confirmed for wed 14th of April at 19:30, in the Glebe National School, Wicklow Town. All are welcome to attend.

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## **Rallies**

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society

The Rally will held on Sunday 25th of April in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk Co Louth. Doors opening at 11.00 AM, all the usual traders will be represented plus some new ones. Tables will also be available for sole traders without charge.

Bookings for Traders tables to Thos EI2JD email chairman /at/ ei7dar.com or Peter EI4HX chairman /at/ ei7dar.com

For further Rally info and contact details please check out the IRTS Website.

[www.irts.ie/cgi/rallies.cgi](http://www.irts.ie/cgi/rallies.cgi)

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## **History this week**

1833 Gauss & Weber, Germany, demonstrate electromagnetic telegraph.

1852 Word 'Telegram' first used. Albany Evening Journal, England.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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